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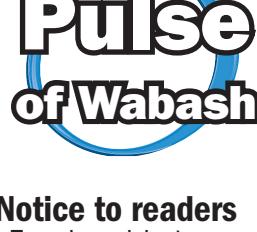


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## Local absentee, early, in-person voting now open

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be OJ Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

## The Honeywell

## Ladies Golf

## Association

## begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins to play on Tuesday, June 2. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday, June 1 to register for this first scramble. Also, this Tuesday there will be a meeting before the start of play at 8:30 a.m. to address COVID-19 safety procedures.

## 'Seussical the Musical' auditions set

Auditions for the upcoming Wabash Area Community Theater fall show "Seussical the Musical" will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31 at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. For anyone who can't make it to auditions, a special time has been set aside at 6 p.m. Monday, June 1 for an extra audition. Callbacks will begin

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## FEMA delivers PPE to Miller's Merry Manor

### Wabash locations among 15,000 nursing homes across America selected

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On April 30, Vice President Pence, leader of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate shipments of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nurs-

ing homes across America. These shipments will provide a 14-day supply of PPE to staff working in the nursing homes, according to FEMA.

FEMA Administrator Peter Gaynor stated the agency will send the first shipments with a seven-day supply starting in May, and the second wave in early June. In

total, FEMA will distribute 608,000 pieces of eye protection, 6.9 million masks, 6.4 million gowns, and 31.4 million pairs of gloves.

Two Miller's Merry Manor locations in Wabash were among those selected.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, B.J. DeCola, chief operating officer of Miller's Health Systems, stated they had confirmed that these locations received

a small shipment of PPE from FEMA with gloves, surgical masks, and other

miscellaneous items.

"We have been working continuously throughout the pandemic to secure PPE and other supplies from numerous sources. Any additions such as these from the FEMA shipment are helpful, along with the generosity of many communities and volunteers who have donated masks and made gowns," stated DeCola.

DeCola stated they have so far had no cases of COVID-19 in the Wabash buildings.

"We continue to remain diligent and adhere to our policies based on the recommendations of the CDC and ISDH should there be an indication that testing of any patient or employee needs to occur. Also, we are currently working with the ISDH to finalize the logistics and details to accomplish mandatory employee testing during June," stated DeCola.

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## Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

At last year's competition, 45 artists submitted 112 entries, with 77 selected for display by judges.

### Virtual gallery space will allow a wider audience to view the 'Dreams' exhibit

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" from Monday, June 15 to Sunday, Aug. 16, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator at Honeywell Foundation.

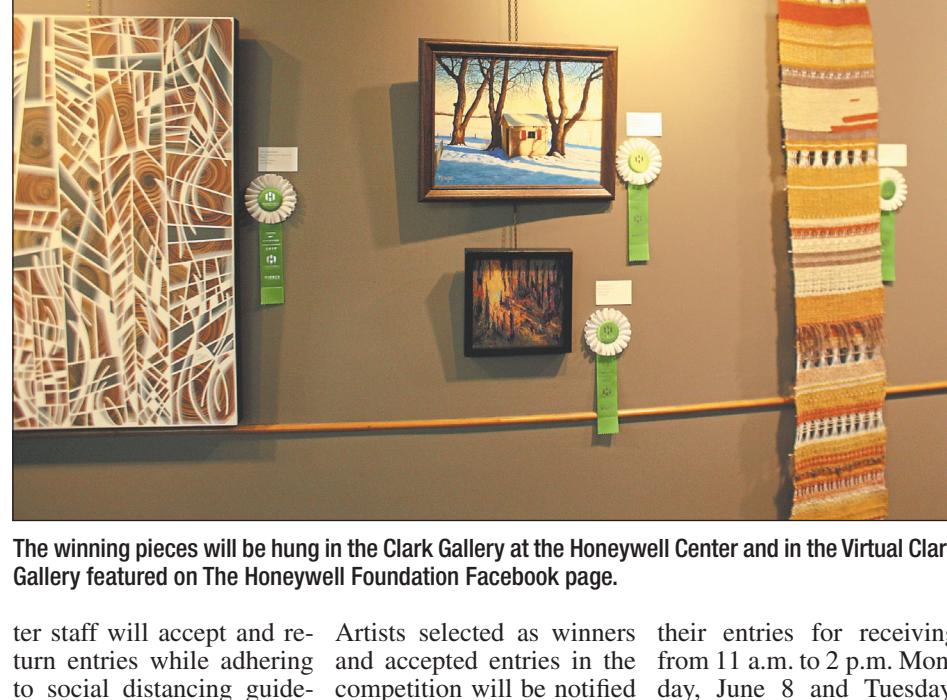
"Dreams" themed pieces are open to the artist's interpretation and will enter a round of judging.

At last year's competition, 45 artists submitted 112 entries, with 77 selected for display by judges.

Ellen Mock, corporate relations manager of the Honeywell Foundation, said last year's theme was "Seasons," and previous themes had been "Night and Day," "Transportation," "Technology," Birds, "Trees" and "Water."

The winning pieces will be hung in the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center and in the Virtual Clark Gallery featured on The Honeywell Foundation Facebook page.

Judging will take place on Wednesday, June 10.



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Artists selected as winners and accepted entries in the competition will be notified on Thursday, June 11. Unaccepted entries can be picked up Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit on Monday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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#### Drop-off

■ Artists may drop off

their entries for receiving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9. All entries will be accepted at the Honeywell Center's Circle Drive doors on the corner of Carroll and Market streets.

■ Only one artist will be able to drop off their entries at a time. A staff member will greet each artist

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State still reports two Wabash County deaths, and now reports 934 tests

## STAFF REPORT

On Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported two additional positive cases of COVID-19 in Wabash County, bringing the local total to 76.

The state still reported two local deaths, and now reports 934 tests.

Statewide on Friday, the ISDH announced that 521 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 33,558 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

The intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Friday, nearly 38 percent of ICU beds and nearly 83 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 1,946 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 40 over the previous day following a correction to the previous day's total. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 248,713 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 242,287 on Thursday.

Hoosiers who have symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a

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## Lawson issues advisory to raise awareness of private offering risks

They are not required to be registered with federal or state securities regulators

## STAFF REPORT

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruption and anxiety to individuals and the financial markets. Because fraudsters often try to capitalize on current issues and problems to promote their scams, Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson

issued an investor advisory on exempt securities offerings, also known as "private placements," in light of the coronavirus pandemic, according to Ian Hauer, deputy communications director.

A private placement is a securities offering that is not required by law to be registered with federal or state securities regulators. Private placements allow companies to sell stocks, bonds or other securities to investors without complet-

ing the rigorous disclosures necessary in a registered offering.

Businesses raising capital through private placement offerings often have limited operating histories and frequently have modest revenues compared to larger public companies. They are not required to provide as much information to investors as public companies are required to provide under federal securities laws.

Private offerings made under Rule 506 are not re-

viewed by regulators and, as a result, there is an increased potential for fraud. The most recent enforcement statistics collected by the North American Securities Administrators Association, of which the Secretary of State is a member, identified private placements as one of the most frequent sources of enforcement actions by state securities regulators.

The advisory provides an overview of private placement offerings, the risks associated with these offerings, and the steps investors can take to minimize their risk of falling victim to fraudulent private placement offerings.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/sos/indianamoneywise/4127.htm>.

Before making any financial decisions, ask questions, do your homework and contact the Indiana Securities Division at 317-232-6681 for more information.

# Minneapolis cop who knelt on man's neck charged with murder

By TIM SULLIVAN  
and AMY FORLITI  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The police officer who was seen on video kneeling on the neck of George Floyd, a handcuffed black man who died in custody after pleading that he could not breathe, was arrested Friday and charged with murder in a case that

sparked protests across the United States and violence in Minneapolis.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said Derek Chauvin was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter. Freeman did not provide immediate details, but said a criminal complaint would be made available later Friday and that more charges were possible.

In the video, Chauvin is seen kneeling on Floyd's neck as Floyd is on the ground. He gradually becomes motionless as Chauvin and three other officers ignore bystanders' shouts to get off him. Freeman said the investigation continues into the other three officers, but that authorities "felt it appropriate to focus on the most dangerous perpetrator."

## EXHIBIT

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individually at the door to accept each entry.

■ Artists are asked to have the artist application, money, and all entries labeled for a seamless drop-off.

■ To make an early entry appointment, contact Michele Hughes at [clarkgallery@honeywellcenter.org](mailto:clarkgallery@honeywellcenter.org) or by calling 260-274-1411.

### Pick-up

■ Artists may pick up each entry at the Honeywell Center's Circle Drive doors on the corner of Carroll and Market streets.

■ Only one artist will be able to pick up their entries at a time. A staff member will greet each artist individually at the door to retrieve entries.

■ Entries not picked up by 2 p.m. will be securely

housed in the Honeywell Center.

■ To make an appointment to pick up unaccepted entries after Monday, June 15, contact Michele Hughes at [clarkgallery@honeywellcenter.org](mailto:clarkgallery@honeywellcenter.org) or by calling 260-274-1411.

The cost of entry per three pieces is \$20.

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state-sponsored testing site for free testing. Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that is at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested.

ISDH will host drive-thru testing clinics from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sunday at the following locations:

■ Shelbyville High School, 2003 S. Miller St., Shelbyville.

■ Miller School, 6530 New Hampshire, Hammond.

■ Ivy Tech Community College, 2431 S. Crabtree Drive, Princeton.

■ Franklin County 4-H Fairgrounds, 7178 Blue

Creek, Brookville.

To find additional testing locations, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the

COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

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Sunday  
Sunny

70 / 53



Monday  
Mostly Cloudy

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Tuesday  
Mostly Cloudy

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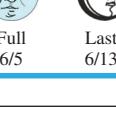


Wednesday  
Mostly Cloudy

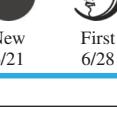
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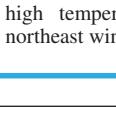
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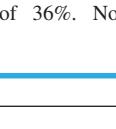
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## Detailed Local Outlook

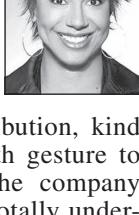
Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 69°, humidity of 48%. North wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 51°. East southeast wind 3 to 9 mph. Sunday, skies will be sunny, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 36%. North northeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

# Ticket holder cannot give as much as asked

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I have an annual subscription to my local theater company. This used to be a favorite activity for my husband and me, but everything is canceled now. The company recently sent me a letter asking if I would donate the money I spent for the subscription so that it can try to stay in business. It also asked if I would be willing to make a contribution, kind of a good-faith gesture to try to help the company stay afloat. I totally understand the situation. Most of the performers are young up-and-comers who probably have nothing now. When they weren't on stage, I bet most of them worked in restaurants and bars that are now closed. I am happy to let them keep my subscription money, but I can't afford to give more. Things are tight at home for me, too. How can I tell them without being rude? — Limited Gift

**Harriette Cole**

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dementia. My mother is not well, either. The two of them used to be so close. Now I don't even know if it is a good idea to put them on the phone with each other because they are both feeble. It's really sad. I end up talking to each of them separately. How much should I tell my mother about her friend? I am so unsure. Obviously, they can't visit each other. Half the time, I don't know what my mother retains anyway. Should I make sure that she knows about her friend's condition? — Keeping Informed

**DEAR KEEPING INFORMED:** We never want to worry our elders, so it is good to be cautious. But at the same time, you should let your mother know that

her friend is suffering. Without giving her the blow-by-blow, tell her a bit about her friend's condition. If your mother is a praying woman, suggest that she offer a prayer for her friend. If possible, facilitate a call between the two of them with you on the phone. In this way, you can guide the conversation and also remember what was shared so that you can continue dialogue about it with your mother at another time.

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## As limits ease, Indiana gyms reopen for 'social fitnessing'

By JOSH COOK

News and Tribune

**JEFFERSONVILLE** — The era of "social fitnessing" is underway.

Gyms, fitness facilities and community centers began reopening — with restrictions — across the state May 22, two days earlier than previously planned, as Phase 3 of Governor Eric Holcomb's "Back on Track" plan took effect while residents continue to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Many in Southern Indiana, however, waited until this week.

"People have been chomping at the bit, but there are still a lot of them that are nervous too," said Melissa Wharton of Workout Anytime on E. 10th St. in Jeffersonville.

Workout Anytime, which had been closed since March 25, reopened May 24. Normally, it is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For the time being, however, it's only open while staffed to

make sure that the new protocols are being exercised. One of those requires customers to call ahead and make an appointment to workout. Then, once outside, they must call to be let inside the building.

Once in the door, customers are met by a sign.

"Have you been around anyone with COVID 19? In the last 14 days have you had: cough, body aches, vomiting, runny nose, fever?" the sign reads.

Just inside the front door are a shelf-full of spray bottles filled with disinfectant solutions. When they enter, customers are given their own spray bottle to carry around with them. They are encouraged to clean each machine before, and after, each use.

In the front workout area, which is filled with treadmills, elliptical machines, etc., every other machine is turned off with an accompanying sign stating, "Temporarily out of use to comply with CDC guidelines. We apologize for any inconvenience."

Then, in the free weight area, there are red X's on the floor to designate proper social distancing.

"We just kind of police it and keep trying to remind everybody," Wharton said.

While masks are not required for those working out, staff members wear them.

The cleaning process, meanwhile, is almost continuous.

"We are disinfecting in here all throughout the day, anything you can possibly touch," Wharton said. "We're even disinfecting the disinfectant bottles."

There are similar practices in place at Bridge View CrossFit, which reopened Tuesday.

Patrons who take part in the popular fitness regimen that involves aerobic exercise, calisthenics and Olympic weightlifting, among other things, were given their own individual cleaning bottles and instructed to stay within the 6-foot-by-6-foot squares marked on the floor during each station.

"We've limited classes to fit the size of the building to eight people," Bridge View owner Justin Sturgeon said. "I think we can actually squeeze more in, that still fits code with people six feet apart, and still have sections for people to have."

"Member-experience is the key, especially during all this."

The last two months haven't been easy, Sturgeon admitted.

"It's definitely been a challenge, mostly keeping members motivated," he said. "Reopening has been busy, but the feedback has been awesome."

One of those who was excited to be back in the gym Tuesday was Max Maxwell.

"It's great to see everybody's faces," he said. "When you see them in that Zoom class, it's like you're in the Brady Bunch. ... It's fun to interact with people and cheer them on, and have them cheer you on. That, to me, is just an amazing feeling."

Stamp, and other family and friends. Pallbearers were her sons, Rick and Steve Stamper, her brothers, Charles and Billy Brown, Steve Becknell, and Chad Lambert. Entombment was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

### PENDING SERVICES

**Marsha Diana Roth:** 72, of Wabash, died at 12:42 am, Thursday, May 28, 2020 at her home. She is survived by her husband, Butch. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

## Solar probe to pass through comet's tail

**BERLIN** (AP) — The European Space Agency said Friday that its Solar Orbiter probe will pass through the tail of a comet in the coming days and scientists plan to switch on its instruments early to conduct some "bonus science."

Solar Orbiter was launched in February on a mission to capture the first pictures of the sun's elusive poles and the chance encounter with comet ATLAS wasn't planned.

After being alerted to the opportunity by Geraint Jones of Britain's Mullard Space Science Laboratory, mission scientists set about ensuring four

of the probe's instruments will be switched on to gather data about the trail of dust and charged particles left by the comet.

ESA said similar chance flybys through a comet's tail have only been recorded six times previously and only after the event had taken place.

The agency's director of science, Guenther Hasinger, said the unexpected encounter "provides a mission with unique opportunities and challenges, but that's good."

"Chances like this are all part of the adventure of science," he added.

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at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1. The age limit for those interested in the show is from 12 years and up. Anyone interested in auditioning should be prepared to sing 16 bars of their favorite song. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-568-1128 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

### Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

### 25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/events](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/events), email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

### Wabash to host First Friday on June 5

Wabash Marketplace will be hosting a hybrid First Friday on June 5. The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Facebook and from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Wabash. Miami Street will be open to traffic and parking. Face coverings and social distancing are recommended for in-person guests. The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event Page titled, "First Friday in Wabash 6/5/20" by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/events/246572819761023/>. The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page "First Friday-Wabash, Indiana." Participating businesses will share their promotions and store hours. For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org) or call 260-563-0975.

### Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

### Drive In Summer Music Series begins June 10

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series begins Wednesday, June 10 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Moon Cats, a four-member band, play a variety of hits from the '50s and '60s including Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams, Jack Scott and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit [1324driveln.com/com-ing-soon/live](http://1324driveln.com/com-ing-soon/live).

### 2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email [ericseaman@gmail.com](mailto:ericseaman@gmail.com), [BevVanderpool@yahoo.com](mailto:BevVanderpool@yahoo.com) or [HowardKaler@gmail.com](mailto:HowardKaler@gmail.com).

### Mural Fest application deadline extended

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals — one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Sellick Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sun-

day, June 14. To apply or learn more, visit [www.NEImuralfestival.com](http://www.NEImuralfestival.com).

### Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more.

The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will

open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit [1324driveln.com/com-ing-soon/live](http://1324driveln.com/com-ing-soon/live).

### Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne's best country bands. They have opened for sold-out

concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit [1324driveln.com/com-ing-soon/live](http://1324driveln.com/com-ing-soon/live).

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Fayth Leming was nominated by Teal Leming.



Morgan Meyer was nominated by Cheryl Meyer.



Athena and Ariana Varner were nominated by Heather France.

## Senior Spotlights: Northfield High School

STAFF REPORT

**Fayth Leming**

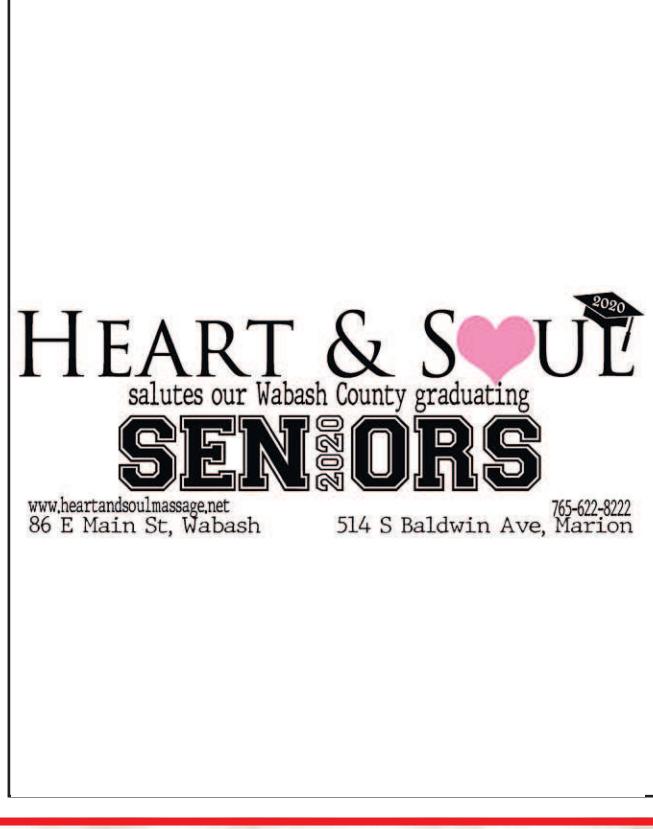
"My beautiful girl inside and out. We are so proud of you transitioning into the next chapter of life. More happy memories to come." — Teal Leming

**Morgan Meyer**

"So proud of how you have handled all of the hurdles this year has thrown at you." — Cheryl Meyer

**Athena and Ariana Varner**

"My beautiful 2020 Northfield High School seniors Athena and Ariana Varner ... make me proud daily. They are missing out on quite a lot for their Senior year but have been staying upbeat. They always work so hard in all they do. They inspire me daily." — Heather France



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# Senior Spotlights: Wabash High School

## STAFF REPORT

### Blakley Jay Cole

Blakley Jay Cole was nominated by Jessica Cole.

### Sydney Paige Osborn

"Very proud of this girl."  
— Bill Osborn

### Dylan Smith

Dylan Smith was nominated by Leslie Halverson.



Provided photo

Blakley Jay Cole was nominated by Jessica Cole.

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Sydney Paige Osborn was nominated by Bill Osborn.

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Dylan Smith was nominated by Leslie Halverson.

Wishing this year's graduates a letter-perfect day as they celebrate the culmination of so many years of hard work and dedication.

**Happy Graduation to the Class of 2020!**

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# Community

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS



By ROB BURGESS / Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Emily Daniel Cross and Ellie Daniel were nominated by Michelle Pelpfrey.

## Emmanuel Christian School

### STAFF REPORT

#### Emily Daniel Cross and Ellie Daniel

"I am nominating Emily Daniel Cross, a senior at Indiana University Kokomo, and Ellie Daniel, a senior at Emmanuel Christian School. They are my nieces and I love them so very much and I am one proud aunt. Girls, I am so thankful for you both and cannot wait to see what all God has in store for you both." – Michelle Pelpfrey

#### Preston Ritzema

"We are so proud of how our son is handling this pandemic. A lot of things he will miss out on during senior year, but his faith in Jesus is



Provided photo  
Preston Ritzema was nominated by Dan Jenny Ritzema.

strong and will guide him to the next phase of life. We truly could not be more proud of the man he has become. Keep your eyes on Christ." – Dan Jenny Ritzema

## Indiana Chamber seeks 2020 Community of the Year nominations

Entries must be received by June 15

### STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Community of the Year Award, according to Rebecca Patrick, vice president of public relations and government communications.

This annual honor goes to a deserving Hoosier community for significant contributions to its local business climate and overall image during the past year.

The award will be presented at the state's largest annual gathering of business leaders and elected officials, the Indiana Chamber's 31st Annual Awards Dinner. The event is presented in partnership with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield on Nov. 10 in downtown Indianapolis. The winning community will be announced in August or September.

Communities selected for the honor receive a pre-event press conference, recognition and a video tribute at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner and are featured in BizVoice, "Indiana's leading statewide business magazine."

Apply at [www.indianachamber.com/community](http://www.indianachamber.com/community). Entries must be received by June 15.

The last five Community of the Year recipients were Plymouth, Jasper, Goshen, Fishers and Carmel.

## COVID-19-RELATED COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### SCAN receives additional assistance to help families

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) has received additional funds from the Department of Child Services (DCS) to assist families with their basic needs in 16 northern Indiana counties, including Wabash County. SCAN and its Community Partners Local Prevention Dollars Program have announced the launch of the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. Nonprofits funding basic needs are invited to apply for SCAN's COVID-19 Response RFP at <https://www.scaninc.org/ncp/rfp/covid19>.

Parents and caregivers in need of additional support are encouraged to call SCAN at 800-752-7116 or submit a request at <https://www.scaninc.org/ncp/referral>.

### Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures, and have no other significant source

of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit [www.cfwbash.org](http://www.cfwbash.org) or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information, email [patty@cfwbash.org](mailto:patty@cfwbash.org) or [melissa@cfwbash.org](mailto:melissa@cfwbash.org) or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit [www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp](https://www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp) to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the County Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.

### Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this time when seniors will be home more than usual. Living Well in Wabash County will now pick up and deliver pre-paid groceries and essentials within Wabash County. For more information or to request

special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, pharmacy and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash County. The hours of operation for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 260-563-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

### Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing [karrowood@curehunger.org](mailto:karrowood@curehunger.org) or visiting [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org).

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The Wabash Plain Dealer has established a \$150,000 fund to help local business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

## How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local Wabash Plain Dealer print newspaper and special product advertising between April 28 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available

for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend \$200 in advertising, we match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

## How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at:

[https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising\\_match/](https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising_match/), click on the "How Do I?" tab and Apply for a "Matching Advertising Grant".

The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we're hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.

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# Opinion

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## LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

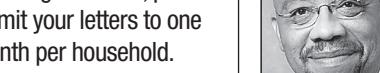
Since we want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



## Black lives remain expendable

Do you want to prevent the kind of rioting, looting and arson we saw in Minneapolis on Wednesday night? Then stop police officers and racist vigilantes from killing

black men, like George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery. Stop treating African Americans like human trash and start treating us like citizens.

I condemn riots, destruction, property theft and all manner of senseless violence.

But I understand the feeling that animates these spasms.

When I watch the video of officer Derek Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck, choking the life out of him and ignoring his cries of distress, I want to throw something. When I see the video of Gregory and Travis McMichael accosting and shooting Arbery, I want to throw something else. I can't help but think of my own two sons and how, for either of them, a routine encounter with police — or a run-in with self-appointed sheriffs — could be fatal. I want to scream.

I feel this way even though I have status in this society, an income that allows me to live comfortably, and a megaphone — in the form of this column and my television appearances — with which to make my complaints and opinions heard. I wonder how I'd feel if I lacked these things, if I were powerless and voiceless. I wonder where my frustration and rage would find their outlet.

We've been through this so

many times that we can always cite earlier killings as reference points to put new killings in context.

Floyd's killing took place just

across the Mississippi River from the suburb where, four years ago, an innocent cafeteria worker named Philando Castile was pulled over in a traffic stop by police officer Jeronimo Yanez, who thought Castile resembled a robbery suspect because he had a "wide-set nose."

How many black men have wide-set noses? What black man, in Yanez's view, would not have looked suspicious?

Castile understood the danger he was in. He was a licensed gun owner, and told the officer that his gun was in the car in a deliberate attempt to defuse their interaction. Yanez warned

Castile not to pull out the weapon; Castile responded that he was not pulling it out;

the nervous Yanez shot Castile dead. All of this was captured

on video by Castile's girl-

friend, while her 4-year-old daughter sat in the back seat.

Yanez was charged with manslaughter and acquitted.

Floyd's last words of anguish — "I can't breathe" — were the

same as those of Eric Garner, who in 2014 was approached by New York policemen for

standing on a Staten Island

sidewalk, selling loose cigarettes. Officer Daniel Pantaleo put Garner in a chokehold

and killed him. Pantaleo was

never charged with a crime. He

wasn't fired until last August,

and he is suing the department,

arguing that his termination

was "arbitrary and capricious."

Arbery's killing on Feb.

20 in Brunswick, Georgia,

brought back the memory of

Trayvon Martin, a baby-faced

17-year-old, who in 2012 was

innocently walking through an

Orlando suburb when he was

stalked by George Zimmerman, a wannabe cop who had

appointed himself guardian

of the neighborhood. After

a struggle, Zimmerman shot

Martin dead. Zimmerman

was charged with murder and acquitted.

Not only do these unwarranted killings of black men keep happening. They also keep going unpunished.

Yes, Gregory and Travis

McMichael — along with

William "Roddie" Bryan Jr.,

who recorded Arbery's killing

on cellphone video — have

been arrested and charged with

murder. And yes, Derek Chauvin and the three other police

officers who watched him kill

Floyd have been fired, and

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey

has called for criminal charges

to be filed against them.

But if the only result is another

couple of trial-of-the-century

media circuses that produce

lots of drama and controversy

but no justice, then nothing

will change.

Please don't try to tell me

that somehow these killings are

about anything other than race.

Floyd, Arbery, Garner and

Martin were unarmed. Castile

was legally carrying his pistol;

while black Americans didn't

always have Second Amend-

ment rights, we do now. All of

them are dead.

Just a couple of weeks ago,

hundreds of white protesters,

some carrying all manner of

deadly weapons, stormed into

the Michigan state capitol and

disrupted legislators trying

to do their official business.

Police saw them as exercising

their constitutional rights and

let them come and go without

incident.

A mostly black crowd pro-

testing Floyd's killing, on the

other hand, was met with tear

gas and rubber bullets. City

officials perceived the Minne-

apolis unrest as an emergency.

This nation needs to under-

stand that life-threatening

racism is an emergency, too.

Eugene Robinson's email address is

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## LETTERS

### Russell Reahard for District 18 State Representative

If you live in District 18, then there is only one constitutionally conservative candidate this election and that man is Russell Reahard.

Russell Reahard is a former pastor, a pro-life conservative, a patriot and a constitution-loving freedom fighter who will advance the cause of liberty and freedom at the State House for District 18.

When Manchester Community Schools decided last fall to create a policy that allows transgender students to use the bathroom or shower facility that identifies with their fantasized gender, Russell Reahard was standing with me against this policy. He also joined me and many in the community as we petitioned our school board. Russell believes there are only two genders. Boys and girls should never be allowed to share the same bathroom or shower facility.

Russell Reahard is for us. He will represent us. He will stand for traditional family values. He won't bow down to corporations and even members from his party to compromise his integrity and character. He will not be a "member" of the establishment ruling class in Indianapolis.

Russell Reahard has a rock solid commitment to protecting the unborn. He is the only candidate in District 18 to receive a 100 percent rating from Hoosiers For Life. Russell believes that life should be protected from conception to natural death and would even support the "Protection at Conception Bill" that would abolish abortion. One would think that such a bill that would end the murder of babies would have overwhelming support by the super majority of Republican "pro-lifers" at the Statehouse, right? Nope. A committee keeps killing the bill every session. We need to send a message to the other "pro-life" members at the state house by electing Russell Reahard. Let's remind them that life begins in the womb and that babies have a right to life.

Our Second Amendment is also very important to Russell. He is committed to supporting a "Constitutional Carry Bill" that would eliminate fees and licenses to carry a firearm. We do not need to pay a fee and ask for permission from our government to exercise our God-given right to bear arms.

Please join me Tuesday, June 2 and vote for Russell Reahard for House District 18 Representative.

A vote for Russell Reahard is a vote for freedom, our constitution, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Russ is for us.

Nate Gephart

North Manchester

### Disaster preparedness in COVID-19 era

As Hoosiers take shelter from COVID-19, it's also important to prepare for other threats that visit our communities each spring in the form of flooding and tornadoes. Dealing with severe weather disasters is challenging in the best of times, but with healthcare workers and first-responders stretched thin, appropriate planning takes on new importance today.

Yes, spring is here, and for the Midwest, that means a higher risk of floods and tornadoes. Forecasting from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center calls for "above-average precipitation in the central and eastern United States." And while this year may not match the historic 2019 floods, significant rainfall events could still trigger flood conditions and put people and communities at risk.

Tornadoes are also a threat to the Hoosier state, and spring is prime tornado season. In 2017, 220 people needed emergency shelter from a very destructive tornado in Kokomo, requiring massive response and recovery operations. And recently, at the end of March, two EF-2 tornadoes hit Newburgh and required some 3,000 people to respond — while keeping the appropriate social distance — to a disaster that still has that community reeling.

While community preparedness is always essential, this spring we need to think about it in the context of a pandemic. Response and recovery would take longer and be much more complicated than usual. Supply lines may not be functioning; hospitals may be overflowing and under-equipped; and medical professionals may be swamped. Loss of income during this economic downturn creates additional stresses, especially for families who may be vulnerable to the sudden financial impact of a damaging weather event.

The question for all communities is: "Are we ready?" State and local governments, agencies, and community partners across the country are poring over complexities the pandemic adds to emergency plans. Our systems are still in place, but they are certainly being adapted.

The Red Cross, for example, is considering how the virus would affect community response amidst continued social distancing. Clearly sheltering protocols and other efforts will be altered due to the pandemic, with coordinated guidance from public health officials.

The Red Cross will identify hotels as shelters instead of traditional locations like school gyms or community centers. The six-foot separation will be maintained for key functions including registration, and food drop-off, and meals will be individually-packaged. A temperature screening and monitoring system will put in place, with isolation areas built for symptomatic/diagnosed individuals.

Hoosiers can also ease the burden on emergency responders by preparing for severe weather events.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offer tips regarding flooding, while ready.gov/plan has important general information on disaster preparedness. Easy steps like clearing out storm drains can reduce surface flooding. And Hoosiers can also sign up to give blood or volunteer at redcross.org.

Local governments can evaluate their capacity to handle the more frequent extreme weather we are seeing in the Midwest and help address the weak spots. The Hoosier Resilience Index, developed by Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute, is a good place to start.

By thinking ahead and taking action now, local governments and communities can reduce their vulnerabilities. Preparation for natural disasters is always important. In these uncertain times, it is essential.

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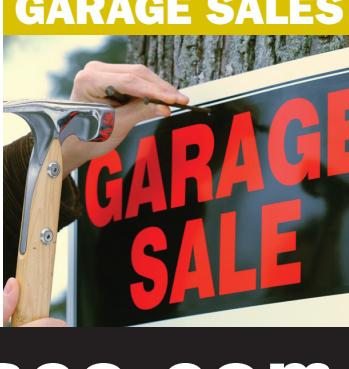
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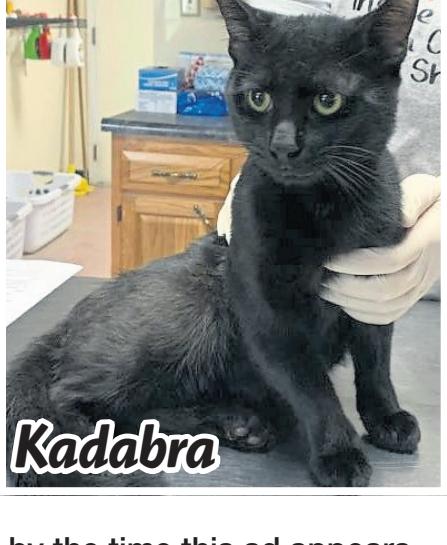
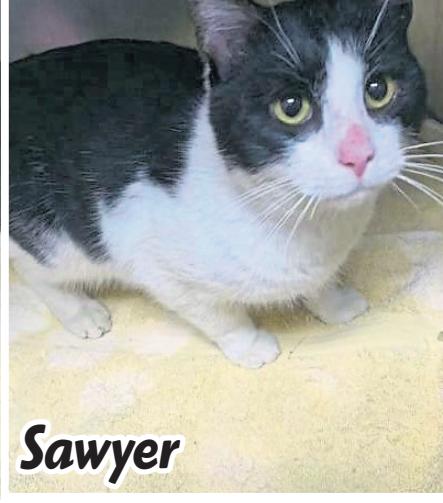
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